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National Highway
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-522 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **October 26, 2004**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **November 4, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.,**

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SUBJECT: 4,184 Mitsubishi Fuso 1987-1989 FE434, and 1989 FE444 trucks. The steering system knuckle arm was designed with an insufficient strength margin. Repeated steering operation while stationary, or normal vehicle operation that requires frequent repeated steering operation could cause the knuckle arm to crack. If the knuckle arm cracks, the vehicle's steering control could become inoperative, causing a crash without warning.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

NOTE: Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers along with an owner notification schedule.

If you have any questions, please call:

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